

EYAK ECHO

New Year's Edition

"Echos of our Ancestors"

January 1998

Sobriety Celebration a Success !!!

The Fourth Annual Memorial & Sobriety Day Celebration was a huge success! Festivities included a fabulous food court and many craft tables. Chugachmuit presented educational workshops about Salmon, leadership for teens, peer relations, domestic violence awareness, and alcohol healing sessions. Traditional Dances were performed by Native Dance groups from Tatitlek, Yakutat and Cordova. This year's Key Note Speaker was Jim LaBelle, Sr, Chairman of the AFN Sobriety Movement. The Master of Ceremonies was the ever so inspiring, Monica Reidel. Musical entertainment was provided by the Athabaskan Fiddlers who also played during an Elder social. This was followed by a well attended teen dance, with D.J.-J.R. Lewis, at the Masonic Temple. New events, this year included performances by the Cordova Dance Drill Team, a candlelight vigil lead by Patti Kallander of MADD, in memory of our loved ones killed by drunk drivers, and skits by the Akeela house therapy group of Anchorage. A special treat, back by

popular demand, was the Russian Christmas Singers, lead by Myra Allen. Additional guests attending, included Derenty Tablos, Chairman of CAC, Rick Nelson, President of CDC, Lydia and Floyd Robart, Rita Miraglia, of ADF&G and Patti Brown-Schwalenberg, from CRRG. Highlighting the event was of course the Traditional Memorial & Sobriety Potlatch that featured delicious dishes made from the Moose harvested by Bud Janson Jr. and Mark King. The community once again enjoyed the artwork of the late J.R. Beyers displayed as the T-shirt logo. The Sobriety Celebration brings our community hope, peace, unity and memories that will forever be remembered.....



Meetings & Trainings.....

The BIA Service Providers Meeting was Dec 1-3 in Anchorage. Grace, Marlana and Larry attended. Workshops on Chugachmuit's BIA Compact and Programs were offered. Bob and Larry attended the HUD ICDBG Implementation training on Dec 4th in Anchorage, where they received an important overview of the regs. and requirements that apply to the Indian Community Block Grant.

Native Village of Eyak Council Members.....

Robert Henrichs.....President
Glen Ujoka.....Vice Pres.
Marlena Fonzi..... Sec/Treas.
Mark Hoover.....Council
Bud Janson.....Council



President's Column.....

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. AS OUR TRIBE MOVES AHEAD, TO CONTROL OUR OWN DESTINY, WE HAVE ADVERTISED SEVERAL NEW JOB OPENINGS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PROJECT DIRECTOR, FOR OUR HUD BLOCK GRANT. ALSO WE NEED SOMEONE TO HEAD UP OUR NATURAL RESOURCE DEPT. PROJECT. THIS IS JUST THE START, THERE WILL BE MORE JOB OPENINGS AS WE MOVE AHEAD. THE EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL APPROVED OUR YOUTH/ ELDERS SUBSISTENCE CONFERENCE PROPOSAL, AT THEIR DEC. 18TH MEETING. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE, HOPEFULLY IN MAY. IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL BE GETTING A LOCAL DISPLAY ARTIFACT REPOSITORY, THROUGH EVOS, TO THE TUNE OF \$228,000. THIS WILL PROBABLY BE ADDED TO OUR HUD COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT BUILDING, TO BE BUILT ON THE OLD BIA SCHOOL SITE, (LUTHERAN HOME SITE). WE HAVE ALSO APPLIED FOR AN EPA WETLANDS GRANT. WE SHOULD BE HEARING ON THIS ONE BY JULY. WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THE TRIBES ON THE COPPER RIVER, TO GET THE COPPER RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISHERIES COMMISSION (CRI-TFC) GOING. AS THE ONLY ORGANIZED GOVERNMENTS ON THE COPPER RIVER ARE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, AND WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE COPPER RIVER, WE

NEED TO GET ORGANIZED, TO BE SITTING AT THE TABLE, WHEN DECISIONS ARE MADE WHICH AFFECT OUR LIVELIHOOD.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING, TO MOVE OUR PROGRAMS FROM CHUGACHMUIT TO EYAK. AS THESE TAKE PLACE, THERE WILL BE MORE JOB OPENINGS.

THE NVE 4TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL & SOBRIETY DAY CELEBRATION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. I HAVE HEARD NOTHING BUT COMPLIMENTS, FROM AROUND THE REGION.

MANY THANKS TO BUD JANSON JR. AND MARK KING FOR HARVESTING OUR MOOSE.

ALSO, MANY THANKS TO MANY PEOPLE WHOSE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

WITH DERENTY TABIOS, MOVING OVER TO THE CHAIRMAN'S POSITION, AT CHUGACH ALASKA CORP, ANNE WALKER HAS BEEN HIRED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT CHUGACHMUIT. ANNE WAS THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH BOARD. WITH THE MANY CHANGES THAT ARE OCCURRING IN THE HEALTH FIELD, WE WERE FORTUNATE TO FIND SOMEONE WITH ANNE'S ABILITY TO HEAD CHUGACHMUIT. ANNE WILL BE COMING TO EYAK TO MEET WITH OUR TRIBE, LATER THIS MONTH.

I WANT TO THANK DERENTY TABIOS FOR HIS WORK AT CHUGACHMUIT OVER THE YEARS. WHEN DERENTY RETURNED TO THE HELM, IN 1993, CHUGACHMUIT WAS IN TERRIBLE FINANCIAL STRAITS. HE TURNED IT AROUND

HIM WITH AN INSCRIBED JADE HANDLE ULU, IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE, AT THE CHUGACHMUIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON DECEMBER 15TH. DON HUDSON OF THE SEWARD OFFICE, WILL BE COMING TO EYAK TO TRAIN OUR STAFF LATER THIS MONTH. AS WE BEGIN 1998 I BELIEVE THIS WILL BE A BANNER YEAR FOR OUR TRIBE. SINCERELY YOURS, BOB HENRICH

Kid's Corner



Workshop for k-6 graders!

By: Kate Williams

Environmental Health Promoter.

The Fourth Annual Sobriety Celebration was the perfect opportunity to hold a workshop for children. Playing and Learning was all a part of exploring obstacles salmon face while also learning about important environmental issues. The children enjoyed a game called "Sniffin Salmon" where they learned about Salmon's six senses, the imprinting they receive as small fry and how they use that information to return home to spawn. The kid participated in an hands on demonstration about marine debris, guessing which might float in the ocean and which ones sink. Items like glass, cardboard, aluminum and tin sank, while plastic items such as pop bottles, fishnet, plastic bags and 6-pack pop rings all floated. Dolphin and Salmon puppets aided the kids in a talking circle about ways that fish and marine mammals might be harmed by garbage in the ocean. The children role played as an experiment, where they too could feel what it is like for a fish or marine life to get entangled in marine debris. Attended by about 20 children, the workshop was presented by myself, and Emily Becker of PWS Science Center's Education Program, and assisted by Meghan Mullins.

The Eyak Echo

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To:

Employment Opportunities

The Native Village of Eyak has a job opening for the following positions: A Project Director. responsibilities include, overseeing the construction of our building, funded by a HUD ICDBG grant. Also an Environmental Program Coordinator to set up our Environmental Program to develop a comprehensive natural resource management program. NVE is an EOE and exercises Indian/Native Preference. F.M.I. call 424-7738 or stop by the office @ 509 1st st.

NVE is accepting applications for a half time Executive Director Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist. DOE/EOE applies, must be computer literate, able to operate all office machinery, Native Preference under PL-638. Applications may be picked up at the office, or call 7738.

Obituaries

Mike Eleshansky passed away January 14, 1998 after a battle with cancer. Mike was a lifelong commercial fisherman born November 9, 1936. Prior to residing in Chenega Bay, his home was in Cordova. He is survived by wife Doreen, children Cheryl and George, and grandchildren, Myra and Kenneth all reside in Chenega Bay.

Pat Barnes Sr. passed away on December 22, 1997 in Ronan, MT of natural causes. Pat was born Nov. 16, 1931 in Cordova. He is survived by his wife, Cinda, 6 children, and 4 sisters, 2 brothers, 15 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Notice

The next scheduled council meeting is Saturday, February 14. Plan to attend the next meeting, come and see your council at

Special Thanks.....

NVE wishes to extend it's appreciation and thanks to the businesses, organizations and individuals who have generously donated their services and personal resources in sponsorship of the 4th Annual Sobriety Celebration.

Thank you to the Federal Subsistence Board for providing us with a permit to harvest a moose for the traditional memorial & sobriety potlatch.

AC and Davis Superfoods, for their continued donation of 2% of all sales receipts. We are still collecting receipts at the office. If you have some you would like us to use, please drop them off at the NVE office.

Thanks to the Alaska Marine Highway System for honoring our request for a revision in their schedule. This allowed guests to come from the outlying villages to the Sobriety Celebration.

Thank you to North Pacific Processors for the use of their facilities.

Welcome Aboard.....

Mary Babic has joined the NVE team as our new Local Community Coordinator. She has been hired to work on our Curriculum Development Project. Goodluck Mary !

Community Outreach.....

The Cordova Medical Center is accepting applications for a medical technician to work in the lab. Bachelors degree in medical technology or a related science is necessary. Applicant must be ASCP or NCA certified. F.M.I. or an application & job description, stop by the Medical Center.

The Native Village of Eyak is continuing it's efforts to outreach to our neighbors. This will strengthen our communication and partnerships and enhance new inter-agency relationships within Cordova. Larry English is currently corresponding with the Coast Guard Sweetbrier with the goal of establishing a good neighbor working relationship.

Reminders.....

We are looking for suggestions for projects to do with the youth in our tribe. If you would like to contribute ideas or activities for this program, please contact Altana at 7738.

HELP !!!! How do I recycle ,when the Post Office periodically does not accept paper? The Cordova Bailer Facility on Whiteshed Road recycles cardboard, mixed paper and aluminum. Hrs. are 7:00-3:00 p.m. Mon - Fri and Sat 8:00-4:00 p.m.

The Environmental Health Program is here to serve you! If you have any questions or suggestions concerning environmental issues, call Kate Williams at NVE at 7738.

We are updating our files! Help us to insure that you can receive your Indian Health Services efficiently. We must have a certificate of Indian Blood on file for you to receive medical, dental, or scholarship services. Please contact Myra or Altana to complete any necessary paperwork.

Please feel free to stop by the NEW office at 509 1st street and visit! Our doors are always open to assist you in anyway we can !!!!! Hope to see you soon!


